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To Whom It May Concern

I am Gary Ford the President of the Ice Age Floods Institute (IAFI). We are a non-profit organization that has been in existence since 1995. We have nearly 800 members in 11 chapters in Washington, Oregon, Idaho and Montana. I am also the President of the Cheney-Spokane Chapter of the IAFI.

This is a letter of support for the grant application being submitted by the City of Spokane Parks and Recreation Department. The purpose of the grant would be to fund the Ice Age Floods Playground in Spokane's Riverfront Park.

The IAFI has two main goals. The first is to help people learn about the ice age floods which came through the Pacific Northwest (and Spokane) many times between 12,000-15,000 years ago. These were some of the greatest floods that have occurred on the earth.

The second goal involved working to get congress to establish an Ice Age Floods National Geologic Trail. After numerous attempts over several years that finally happened in 2009. This trail has great economic, recreational and scientific value. Each year the IAFI sponsors many programs to help the public learn about these remarkable floods

The Ice Age Floods Playground which would be established at Riverfront Park would provide some new ways of helping the public learn about these floods. I encourage you to support this work by approving their grant application.

Sincerely,

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